

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF FERTILIZER AT CHEAPER RATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any scheme to assist small and marginal farmers by way of providing them fertilizers at cheaper rates particularly in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and
- (c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c): The Government fixes the farm-gate price of Urea, which is the only controlled fertilizer, and indicates the Maximum Retail Prices for decontrolled fertilizers like Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP) and Complex Fertilisers. In case of Single Super Phosphate (SSP), indicative MRP are fixed by the respective State Governments.

To enable sale of fertilizers at the prices announced by the Government subsidy is given in case of urea under the Retention Price-cum-subsidy Scheme (RPS), while in the case of decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, concession is paid under the Scheme of Concession on sale of decontrolled P&K fertilizers. The benefit of subsidised prices of fertilisers is available to all farmers including small and marginal farmers in Bihar as well as all other parts of the country.